

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

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NOTICE BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
POSTMASTERS OF THE UNITED STATES OF
INTERVENTION AS A LIMITED PARTICIPATOR

In accordance with Section 20a of the Commission's Rule of Practice, the National Association of Postmasters of the United States ("NAPUS") gives notice of its intervention as a limited participator in this proceeding, for the following reasons:

1. NAPUS is a management organization representing more than 43,000 active and retired postmasters throughout the United States.
2. The members of NAPUS derive their livelihoods from their employment with the Postal Service, or receive pensions on account of their prior employment with the Postal Service.
3. As a result, the members of NAPUS have a stake in the financial well-being of the Postal Service.
4. Moreover, actions taken by the Postal Service to change postal classifications and rates often affect the working conditions of the members of NAPUS.
5. As a result, NAPUS has a strong interest in postal rate and classification issues, including some of the issues in this proceeding raised by the Postal Service's Request.

6. In particular, NAPUS and its members are concerned about the Postal Service's proposal to increase the current fees for post office boxes because, in the view of NAPUS, those increase will affect the daily activities of the members of NAPUS and may have an adverse effect on many rural post offices.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Bates". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Hugh Bates
National President
National Association of Postmasters
of the United States

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document in accordance with section 12 of the Commission's Rule of Practice.

Date: August 5, 1997 Hugh Bates